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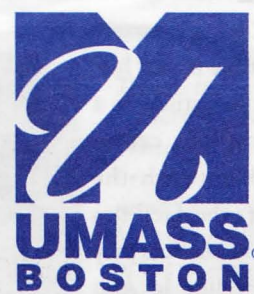
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## More Than \$524,000 Raised for Student Scholarships at UMass Boston Campus Center Gala

By Anne-Marie Kent

On the evening of April 26, UMass Boston's new Campus Center showed true versatility as its east wing was transformed into a first-class, four-tiered event hall, complete with colored accent lighting; live gospel, classical, and jazz performances; and a scattering of gourmet food stations under elaborate, themed décor, including a five-foot replica of the Discus Thrower, surrounded by faux classical columns. The evening ended with a live performance by Grammy Award winner Judy Collins.

The event clearly marked a new era of fundraising for the UMass Boston Chancellor's Scholarship Fund, with more than 640 tickets sold.

Chaired by Board of Trustees Chair Grace Fey of Frontier Capital Management, George Russell, Jr., of State Street Bank, and UMass trustee Robert Mahoney, the gala event raised over \$524,000. Major sponsors were Robert D. and Nancy M. Gordon, Charles E. Merrill, Citizens Bank Foundation, Corcoran Jennison Companies, Frontier Capital Management, and State Street Corporation.

The crowd of over 580 attendees included local notables such as former Massachusetts Attorney General and House Speaker Robert H. Quinn, New England Council President Jim Brett, Former State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien, philanthropists John and Diddy Cullinane, and recipients of the Chancellor's Medal for Exemplary Leadership: Mayor Thomas Menino '88, CEO Clayton

Turnbull '82, and Rev. Kathleene Card '76. She was joined by her husband, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, and a small team of Secret Service agents, blending into the crowd nearby.

Everyone mixed and mingled, sampling a variety of international tastes, from New England shrimp and scallops to Asian stir-fry and sushi, with some Mexican and Mediterranean flavors thrown in for good measure. Posters showcasing student research were placed prominently in the lobby for guests to view.

"Our theme tonight is 'building on our strengths,' and we can rest assured that, although the building is complete, our process of building continues. We continue to build on our strengths: on our students, (Cont. on page 3)



UMass Boston Gospel Choir entertained guests as part of gala festivities on April 26. Guests below sample international cuisine at the Taste of Asia gourmet food station. (Photo by John Kennard)

## Mystic River Author Dennis Lehane to Give Keynote Address at UMass Boston's 2004 Commencement



Dennis Lehane, author of the best-seller *Mystic River* and six other novels, will give the keynote address at UMass Boston's 36th commencement, to be held on Friday, June 4.

By Leigh DuPuy

"My Boston is the Boston of someone who grew up in the neighborhoods," said Dennis Lehane in a recent interview on the place that inspires his novels, most notably the recent best-seller *Mystic River*. A native of Dorchester, Lehane returns to the neighborhood to give the keynote address at UMass Boston's 36th commencement, to be held on Friday, June 4, at the Bayside Exposition Center.

"We are just delighted to offer our graduates and their families a slice of Dennis Lehane," says Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, an unabashed fan of his work. "Lehane's unique voice has led him from Dorchester and South Boston to Hollywood—we think that's a tale our graduates would like to hear."

In addition to speaking to more than 2,600 undergraduates and graduates, Lehane will receive an honorary doctorate in humane letters for his impressive catalogue of work. Known for its powerful characters and suspenseful prose, Lehane's work recently inspired the 2003 Academy Award-winning movie *Mystic River*.

Lehane's seven novels have frequently attracted the attention of the literati; his novel *A Drink Before the War* won the Shamus Award for Best First Novel, and his novel *Prayers for Rain* was named a *New York Times* Notable Book. Reviewers also recognize the energy and darkness of his work; the *New York Times Book Review* called *Mystic River* "a

powerhouse ... heart-scorching ... penetrating." At age 36, Lehane has also written, produced, and directed a feature film, *Neighborhoods*, and is at work on a new film script, as well as his next book.

UMass Boston is also recognizing three individuals for their exemplary contributions to society. Local neighborhood great Ed Forry will receive an honorary doctorate in humane letters for his tireless work in educating and supporting the residents of Boston through his ever-expanding network of newspapers. Forry is the founder and publisher of the *Dorchester Reporter*, and other publications dedicated to Boston's Haitian community, Mattapan neighborhood, and Irish commu-

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# Campus Center Officially Opens with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

By Anne-Marie Kent

"For the first time in our history, we can offer our students a state-of-the-art campus center that provides them with the spaces they want, the facilities they deserve, and the services they need," said Chancellor Jo Ann Gora at the April 2 ribbon-cutting ceremony for UMass Boston's new Campus Center.

Flanked by UMass Boston students and local political leaders, Gora was joined at the podium by Massachusetts Lt. Governor Kerry Healey, Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino '88, UMass President Jack M. Wilson, and David P. Perini, commissioner of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management.

"The Campus Center and the programs and personnel within it will enhance the academic experience of each UMass Boston student," said Chancellor Gora. "This end result is a tribute to the people who labored for many years to make this building a reality."

"The opening of this center is a powerful statement about the University's mission to care about the whole student and UMass Boston's mission to serve its community," added President Wilson.



(Front row, L to R) Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino '88, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, Lt. Governor Kerry Healey, UMass President Jack M. Wilson, and David P. Perini, commissioner of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management, help cut the ceremonial ribbon in the upper-level lobby of the Campus Center. (Second row, L to R) Maureen Feeney, Boston City Councilor; Marty Walsh, State Representative; Robert H. Quinn; former Massachusetts Speaker of the House, and UMass Boston students look on. (Photo by Harry Brett)

"It is a statement that efficient, high-quality services enable students to learn and grow to their fullest potential. It is a statement that students are the top priority of the University of Massachusetts."

Designed by the Boston-based architecture firm Kallmann, McKinnell, & Wood and built by

Suffolk Construction, the UMass Boston Campus Center offers streamlined, centralized administrative services for students, spaces for meeting and conferences, a new bookstore, and a new food court and gourmet café. The center also includes numerous lounges and study areas, as well as a game room and state-of-the-

art computer technology.

Mayor Menino, a CPCS alumnus, reminisced about the days of broken elevators in the Park Square building. Stressing the importance of UMass Boston's urban mission, he said, "This stunning campus center is exactly what the hardworking students of UMass Boston deserve: an invit-

ing space that will foster a sense of community and help them in their pursuit of academic excellence."

"We are proud to deliver this grand new addition to the public buildings that serve our Commonwealth," said Commissioner David B. Perini, which oversaw the construction project. "With its many services, administrative offices, student life spaces, and conference capabilities, the Campus Center will enhance the lives of UMass Boston students for many years to come."

"Students at our state university campuses deserve the finest services and facilities to enrich their learning experience," said Lt. Governor Healey. "The UMass Boston Campus Center is an outstanding expression of the Commonwealth's commitment to public higher education." Acknowledging the presence of UMass Boston union members in the crowd, Lt. Governor Healey also promised to discuss UMass Boston union leaders' concerns with Governor Romney.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was part of a series of events on campus to celebrate the opening of the Campus Center.

## New Media Policy Center Debuts with "Dangerous Intersection" Conference



ABC News commentator George Stephanopoulos led the opening session of the "Dangerous Intersection: Where the Media and Public Policy Collide," the debut conference of the Center on Media and Society at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Ed Hayward

ABC News commentator George Stephanopoulos recounted his experiences as both a policy maker and a journalist before a crowd of 200 participants at "Dangerous Intersection: Where

the Media and Public Policy Collide," the debut conference of the Center on Media and Society at UMass Boston.

Later during the daylong conference at the new Campus Cen-

ter, the results of a new UMass Poll of Massachusetts voters were released, predicting increased voter turnout from a reinvigorated electorate in 2004.

Sponsored by Fleet Bank, a Bank of America company, and UMass Boston's John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, the conference unveiled the new Center and its Ethnic Journalism Initiative, which will analyze and evaluate ethnic and community journalism in Eastern Massachusetts.

Fleet's James E. Mahoney, a member of the UMass Board of Trustees, cited the Center's first conference as another example of UMass Boston's focus on real-world issues.

"This is an institution that deals with reality," said Mahoney. "This is another example of that. This is an issue where the rubber meets the road."

The center, which intends to

strengthen the connection between UMass Boston and the world of media and communications practice, is directed by Ellen Hume, a former White House correspondent for the *Wall Street Journal* and is now a senior research fellow at the McCormack Graduate School. In addition to her duties as a journalism instructor, Hume organized the conference.

The conference also kicked off the partnership between the Center and the McCormack Graduate School. The conference included three different programs throughout the day: the panel "Ethnic Journalism: Finding a Common Ground" featured remarks by Sandy Close, creator of the New California Media project; "The Massachusetts Voter: Good News or Bad News" followed, featuring UMass Poll director Lou DiNatale and the results of a new survey of Massachusetts voters' views on the media and politics; and in conclu-

sion "Media, History and Identify" took place from 2:30 to 4 p.m., featuring Adam Strom of Facing History and Ourselves.

Reading from Stephanopoulos's memoir of the Bill Clinton White House, *All Too Human*, political columnist David Nyhan held a wide-ranging conversation with Stephanopoulos, a former Clinton advisor.

Stephanopoulos, who made the transition from White House insider to media insider as the host of ABC News' "This Week," said the two jobs both require that he distill the news and present it in a fashion people can use to make decisions.

"I hope the two roles go together," Stephanopoulos said. "I bring similar skills to analyzing public policy, explaining it as clearly as possible and identifying the most important parts of current issues.... I like to let people make up their own minds."

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# Campus Center Gala Raises \$524,000 for Student Scholarships

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our research, and our enduring presence in the local community. This is our vision for UMass Boston," said Chancellor Jo Ann Gora at the main ballroom event. She thanked those present "for supporting this vision—and most importantly, our students."

President Jack Wilson added, "This is not just a big, new building that we celebrate tonight. It represents a big idea for this campus, the idea that some of the best learning occurs in places outside of the classroom, library, and laboratory ... that some of the best learning occurs in the basic interaction among human beings who have different experiences, different perspectives, different opinions. This is a place that honors and promotes that big idea."

Awardees were then presented with their Chancellor's Medals for Exemplary Leadership, a new distinction created to honor the leadership accomplishments among the 68,000 graduates of UMass Boston and our predecessor institutions. This ceremony marked the first time alumni have received the Chancellor's Medal. Mayor Menino praised the quality of UMass Boston professors and said that one of the best experiences of his life was being a student at UMass Boston, working together with classmates to accomplish goals.

"This is a great university. This is the American Dream. This is the dream of access," said another medal recipient, Waldwin Group CEO Clayton Turnbull, who gradu-

ated from the College of Management in 1982. Reflecting on her own personal experience as a student, balancing studies with the needs of a young family, honoree and 1974 graduate Rev. Card spoke about being the first in her family to apply to and attend college, not knowing "how to do it." She applauded supporters of the Chancellor's Scholarship Fund, saying, "We've got to make sure we're there for those students who want to learn, who need the access, and don't know quite how to do it."

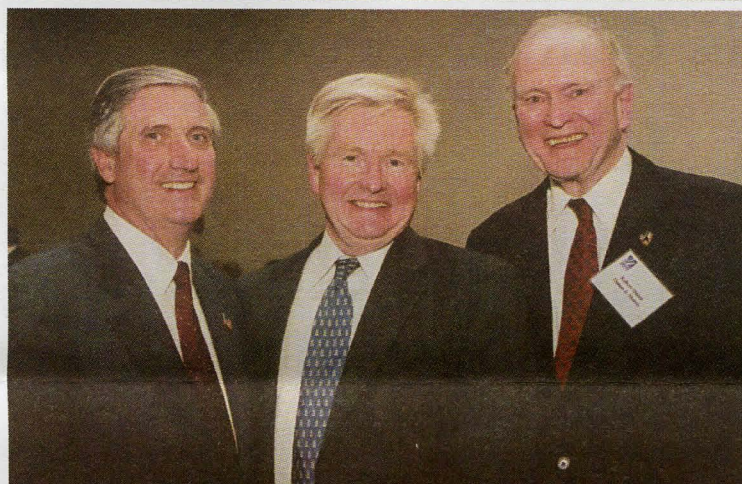


Top (L to R): UMass trustee Robert Mahoney; Board of Trustees Chair Grace Fey of Frontier Capital Management; Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino '88 and recipient of the Chancellor's Medal for Exemplary Leadership; UMass trustee Diane Bissonnette Moes; and Jack Wilson, president of the University of Massachusetts.



Left (L to R): Reverend Kathleene B. Card '76 receives the Chancellor's Medal for Exemplary Leadership from Chancellor Jo Ann Gora during the ceremony. Card is probationary minister at the Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean, Virginia.

Right (R to L): Judy Collins receives roses from a Boston firefighter following her special performance at the gala. Collins received WUMB Radio's first Voice for the Community Award.



(L to R) Andrew Card, White House Chief of Staff and husband of Kathleene Card '76; Dan Rhea '71 of WBZ 4, who served as master of ceremonies for the event; and Robert H. Quinn, former Massachusetts Attorney General and House Speaker, share a lighthearted moment.



Clayton Turnbull '82, CEO and owner of the Waldwin Group Inc., one of three recipients of the Chancellor's Medal for Exemplary Leadership (middle left), is seen here with his wife Linda (left), Chancellor Jo Ann Gora (center right), and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Keith Motley (right).

(Photos by Harry Brett)

## UMass Boston's Asian American Studies Program Provides National Model

By Anne-Marie Kent

On March 25 through 28 at the Copley Fairmont Hotel in Boston, hundreds of Asian Americanists and their graduate and undergraduate students met for the 2004 Association for Asian American Studies National Conference "Engaging with Uncertainties: Global and Local Actions."

UMass Boston's Professor Rajini Srikanth of the English Department and Asian American Studies co-chaired the conference; more than twenty UMass Boston faculty and students played roles in the conference. Professor Karen Suyemoto of the Psychology Department and Asian American Studies was the co-chair of the Program Committee. "UMass Boston was a visible presence," said Srikanth. "We have always been considered the model community-based Asian American Studies program, so people have been saying, 'When's

the conference going to be in Boston?' We waited until we were sure we had a critical mass of people to help put together the conference."

"We're small but very well-respected," said Professor Paul Watanabe, director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, who noted that many conference-goers approached him about the level and quality of UMass Boston activity. Among the really powerful sessions at the conference were the ones in which the undergraduates participated. "That is unusual for a national conference," added Srikanth.

"We were looked to to provide local leadership and local connections, but there's a way in which we think about and we do our work that is also representative of a set of commitments and principles to the field of Asian American Studies for which we

are held in high regard," said Professor Peter Kiang of the Graduate College of Education and the Asian American Studies Program.

Watanabe added, "It's the range of courses we offer with not a lot of resources. It's the scholarship that is done. It's a unique relationship that we have with our students, with the program, with the Institute; it's this capacity that we have that reflects out stellar national reputation. People are impressed that we work so closely with the communities."

The curriculum, explained Kiang, is designed to make explicit connections with the communities through projects, internships, speakers, and ongoing relationships that faculty have carefully cultivated. Kiang pointed out that the Fields Corner area of Dorchester, close to the university, is home to the fifth-largest Vietnamese community in the U.S.

Five minutes away is Boston's Chinatown and significant Asian American populations in Quincy to the south and Lowell to the north. Many UMass Boston faculty, such as College of Public and Community Service professor Andrew Leong, are not only experts but also activists in local Asian American communities. Leong led one of the local tours of Chinatown for conference-goers. Trips to the Peabody Essex Museum and to Lowell, as well as Chinatown, were arranged by Shauna Lo and Michael Liu of the Institute for Asian American Studies.

"Because so many of our students come from the community, the investments that we make in their academic development as well as their understanding of important social issues are investments in the community," said Kiang. He noted that, because the

program has operated in a consistent way for years, there are generations of former students currently working in and contributing to the local Asian American communities.

Conference attendee Dr. Franklin Odo, director of the Asian Pacific American (AAS) Program at the Smithsonian Institution, said that UMass Boston's Asian American Studies program is "known nationally for its robust combination of high-caliber academics and formidable presence in the communities it serves." He added, "Like the best schools of education, business, medicine, or other specializations, the AAS Program encourages students to apply their theoretical knowledge for the general well-being of the groups being studied so that the entire enterprise, including the ethnic communities, is taken to a higher level."



# ECOS Professor Brings the Ocean to Kindergarten



Juanita Urban-Rich is assistant professor in the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

Juanita Urban-Rich is known as the “Ocean Lady” to five-year-olds at the Helen Keller Elementary School in Franklin, MA. For three years, Urban-Rich, a biological oceanographer and assistant professor in the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department, has visited kindergarten classrooms to help kids learn more about ocean habitats. This year, she extended the program to a full week, teach-

ing five classes with 96 kindergartners as part of the National Science Foundation and Department of Education’s ESTME (Excellence in Science, Technology, and Mathematics Education) week.

“Two-thirds of these students haven’t seen the ocean,” notes Urban-Rich of the community about 15 miles or more from the nearest shoreline.

Urban-Rich’s program features hands-on activities to help students touch and feel what different ocean habitats are like, whether it is a sandy beach, rocky shore, or the deep sea. She does this by bringing “touch tanks” into the classrooms, full of animals the students can see and feel.

For example, for her unit on sandy beaches, Urban-Rich has her students simulate the motion of a wave in a “wave tank,” showing them how the motion of the wave impacts the sand, how colors in the tank are affected by the water’s mo-

tion, and what animals could thrive in this environment.

Another day is devoted strictly to rocky shores and tidal pools, with a wave tank so kids can learn what kinds of animals live in the different types of holes or homes in this habitat. With her deep-sea unit, she uses a darkened view box with a window that kids can shine a flashlight into and see glow-in-the-dark sea animals.



Children at the Helen Keller Elementary School eagerly stick their hands into touch tanks filled with sea creatures. (Photo by Urban-Rich)

Her touch tanks contain animals such as mussels, snails, fish, hermit crabs, sea stars, and more. The children even get excited at the microscopic level, says Urban-Rich. “I bring in samples of zooplankton, tiny invertebrates that whales and other marine life eat, and we look at them under microscopes. The kids love it,” she says.

While some kids are initially reluctant to put their hands in the

tanks, by the week’s end, they are all touching the creatures Urban-Rich brings in. “There was one little girl who was up to her elbows in a tank, soaking the sleeve of her velvet dress. She didn’t care—what was in the tank was much more important to her.” Urban-Rich ends the week with an art project on Friday, where the kids will choose one of the habitats and create drawings of animals that could live in that habitat.

“I like being able to bring the ocean to people who have never experienced it,” says Urban-Rich, “and outreach is so important at this age. We really need to reach out to children if we want them to find science and math rewarding and fun.”

It’s not just the kids who have fun. Urban-Rich relishes her time in the classroom: “The kids love to ask questions, and they aren’t afraid to ask anything. It really forces me to think about these different questions,” she says.

## Students Celebrate Campus Center

Campus Center student celebrations, held from March 31 through April 21, were wildly successful and drew people of all ages to the new building for events such as the Campus Center festival, which offered basketball hoop shooting, sumo wrestling, and other games, live music from WUMB musicians, faculty readings, and Friday night’s “Celebrations of Stars” Gala. (Photos by Harry Brett)



## Chess Team Competes at Foxwoods

By Dan Korsunsky

A total of 617 people competed over Easter Weekend in the Foxwoods Open. UMass Boston was represented in a majority of the divisions, often competing against the likes of Wentworth Institute of Technology and Drexel University. Joe Perl, playing in the second-to-highest division, tied for 3rd place. His rating is now within 100 points of being a Master, something he has been working toward for over 7 years. Ilya Krasik played in the same division and tied for 6th place with 4 points. Dmitry Freklakh and I tied for 5th and 4th place in our respective sections. In addition, Kelvin Lo and Reuben Urmenita, players who both only started competing in tournaments in March,



Members of the UMass Boston chess team competed in the Foxwoods Open this April.

each tallied 3 points.

The chess team’s next event is the UMass Boston High School Open, to be held on May 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Campus Center’s University Dining Room. UMass

Boston students are welcome to come and experience a real tournament atmosphere, as well as have an opportunity to take part in an introductory chess clinic hosted by chess Master V. Martirosov.

## Sociology Department Launches Social Theory Forum Series

By M.H. (Behrooz) Tamdgidi

The Social Theory Forum (STF) is a series of conference-workshops organized jointly by the Sociology Department and others to creatively explore, develop, promote, and publish cross-disciplinary social theory in an applied and liberating (critical) framework. The first gathering, held on April 7, drew a large audience from a wide range of faculty and graduate and undergraduate students from across academic departments, both on and off campus.

“Yesterday’s conference was truly stimulating! The morning presenters were excellent, and the discussion was particularly invigorating,” says Tony Nadler of the Office of Service-Learning and Community Outreach. “It really helped me see more aspects of the connection between service-learning and critical pedagogy.”

The 2004 event, “Liberating Social Theory: Inspirations from Paulo Freire for Learning, Teaching, and Advancing Social Theory in Applied Settings,” was composed of three panels moderated by Professors Tim Sieber of the Anthropology Department, Rajini Srikanth of the English Department, and Emmett Schaefer of the Sociology Department, and an audiovisual workshop presentation on Paulo Freire by GCOE professor Martha Montero-Siebert. The opening address was presented by Professor Siamak Movahedi, chair of the Sociology Department.

“I had a great time. I found the discussions very interesting

and true to the title of the conference. I think we liberated a lot of theory that day. I went home with a whole list of words to look up and a renewed interest in the study of social theory,” said conference attendee Donna Rafferty.

Panelists included undergraduate students Emily Margulies (SUNY Oneonta) and Haley Salinas (UMass Boston); graduate students Bart Banikowsky (Duke University), Rika Yonemura (UC San Diego), Kelli Lynn Joseph (University of Virginia), Paul Khalil Saucier (Northeastern University); and Professors Samuel Zalanga (Bethel College, Minnesota), Jonathan Martin (Framingham College), Leor Alcalay (Quincy College), and UMass Boston’s Esther Kingston-Mann, Estelle Disch, Milton Butts Jr., and sociology faculty and conference organizers Jorge Capetillo-Ponce, Glenn Jacobs, and M.H. (Behrooz) Tamdgidi.

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# Honors Student to Pursue Love of Politics and Teaching at Columbia

By Leigh DuPuy

In September 2001, Walter Martinez enrolled at UMass Boston so he could return to his career in retail management with a college degree. Three years later, Martinez has rewritten his future—he is one of six nationwide to receive a Minority Fellowship from the American Political Science Association and looks forward to beginning his doctoral degree in political science at Columbia University this fall.

“I worked ten years in retail after I graduated from high school,” says Martinez. “I figured college wasn’t for me.” However, within his first months here, Martinez became vitalized by his new role as scholar and changed his path.

“Great things happened to me my first semester at UMass Boston. I took an introduction to politics class with Professor Bussiere, I took a first-year seminar on religious issues in the United States with Professor Sands, and I took English 101 with Professor Klimasmith,” says Martinez. “These classes were so exciting to me—I decided I had to pursue more of them.”

The enthusiasm was mutual. Professor Elizabeth Bussiere of the Political Science Department de-



Walter Martinez, recipient of a Minority Fellowship from the American Political Science Association, will attend Columbia University in the fall. (Photos by Harry Brett)

scribes Martinez as “very meticulous student whose arguments are careful and nuanced. He is a very talented student.” Her colleagues agree. “Even in an introductory writing class, Walter set very high standards for himself ... he was not content just to complete assignments ... he made the most of each learning opportunity the class offered,” says Professor Betsy Klimasmith of the English Department.

With new confidence in his writing skills and an insatiable curiosity about politics, Martinez became a political science major, with a mi-

nor in economics. He also got involved in numerous roles as mentor and leader, serving as a student enrollment leader, an assistant instructor in the Directives for Student Potential Program, and most recently, as Chapter President of the Golden Key Honor Society. Martinez is also an Honors Program student.

“I really like interacting with students,” says Martinez, “and helping them experience the best UMass Boston.” These interactions fueled his goals to teach. After completing his Ph.D., Martinez wants to return to a “place like UMass Boston” and

become a college professor. “I’d really like to be a professor that integrates all students into the classroom,” he says.

His love of teaching is obvious. “He is incredibly sensitive to other students in the class. He would make huge efforts to include everyone in the classroom,” says Bussiere of Martinez. “He really works to build classroom community.”

Martinez plans to specialize in American politics at Columbia, and hopes to integrate his interest in the law and the courts with the development of Latino political participation in the United States. He recently completed work on his thesis examining Supreme Court decisions made between 1901 and 1922 that both defined Puerto Rico as a U.S. territory and limited citizenship rights of Puerto Ricans. “I was born there,” says Martinez, “but never really knew much about this period of history.” He recently presented his work at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, held in Indianapolis this April.

“Walter’s mind is razor-sharp,” says Bussiere, who served as his thesis advisor. “He was adept at applying theories to interpretations

of Supreme Court opinions.”

In applying to graduate schools, Martinez found himself asked frequently about UMass Boston. “I have terrific things to say about my experience here. I have been impressed by the commitment of people here to help students who might not otherwise have access to education. And when my goals changed here people were able to help me in that change,” says Martinez.

It’s clear Martinez will be missed when he graduates in June. “He is one of those students who make teaching at UMass Boston such a privilege,” says Kathleen Sands, associate professor of religion. “As a Latino, a returning student, and a gay man, Walter’s career at UMass Boston is testimony to our ability to foster excellence in and through our diversity.”

For Martinez, being open about his orientation is key. He says, “I know that coming to terms with being gay and returning to college afterwards helped me become more sensitive to other students’ concerns and personal issues, and hopefully that will make me a better professor.”

## Wood Visiting Professor Examines Multiculturalism of 21st Century Cities



Professor Michael Keith, director of the Centre for Urban and Community Research at Goldsmiths College, University of London, is the 2004 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor. He led a full visit to UMass Boston in March. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Elaine Werby

In a challenging and scholarly public lecture before more than 100 students and faculty on March 23, Professor Michael Keith, recipient of the 2004 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professorship, addressed the issue of the multiculturalism of cities of the 21st century. Keith is the director of the Centre for Urban and Community Research at Goldsmiths College, University of London.

“Ethically we need to consider what it means to live in cities that are constituted by communities that may be products of both different histories and histories of differences to bear the imprint of colonialism, slavery and domina-

tion,” said Keith.

“Just as the economic drivers of contemporary capitalist globalization challenge the sovereignty of the nation state, the flows of labor, as well as capital create transnational networks of culture and people,” added Xavier de Sousa Briggs, the 2000 recipient of the Wood Visiting Professorship.

Keith’s four-day visit to UMass Boston was crowded with activities that reflected his various interests as a scholar and community and political activist. In recognition of his service as a member of the Borough Council of Tower Hamlets in London, City Councilor Charles Yancey presented Keith with a pro-

clamation from the City of Boston. A lively discussion and comparison of urban issues facing Boston and London took place between these two elected officials during an informal lunch at UMass Boston. Keith and Professor Michael Stone also led students and faculty in a public dialog on social housing in the U.K. and U.S.

In addition to public events, Keith participated with Professors Stone and Andrew Leong and students in the Ph.D. Practicum on Chinatown, followed by a tour of the community. He visited Harbor Point with Professor Joan Arches, coordinator of the CPCS Harbor Point project, and met with staff at City Life/Vida Urbana and the Jamaica Plain NDC. Access and opportunity to public higher education, both in the U.S. and Britain, was the subject of a meeting with Keith and CPCS faculty, staff and students. Stone, who held a visiting professorship at Goldsmiths College in London, last year served as host and guide for Keith’s visit here.

The Robert C. Wood Visiting Professorship in Public and Urban Affairs was established six years ago at the now McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies. This year’s visit by the 2004 recipient was co-sponsored by the College of Public and Community Service, the Center for Social Policy, and the Public Policy Ph.D. Program.

## Commencement 2004 (cont.)

nity at home and abroad.

Forry began his career as a reporter for the *Dorchester Argus-Citizen* and later served as community relations liaison for the First American Bank for Savings, formerly Dorchester Savings Bank. He left the bank in 1972 to pursue his dream of starting a newspaper. Twenty years later, through hard work and dedication, Forry has created a thriving newspaper group that reaches out to a diverse cross-section of Boston neighborhoods.

UMass Boston will be bestowing an honorary degree on Vivian Pinn, director of the Office of Research on Women’s Health at the National Institutes of Health, in recognition of her advocacy on behalf of health and career opportunities for women. A leader in public health policy, Pinn has a distinguished academic and medical career, having taught at Howard University of Medicine, Tufts University, and Harvard Medical School.

Pinn is known for her leadership in public health arenas, serving as president of the National Medical Association and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Medical Colleges. She has led a national effort to reexamine priorities for the women’s health research agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century involving thousands of concerned professionals and advocates to determine the progress as well as

emerging areas in need of research.

Ronald Takaki, a preeminent scholar of diversity and professor of ethnic studies at the University of California Berkeley, will receive an honorary doctorate in humane letters for his distinguished teaching and scholarship. Takaki is the author of *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America* and 19 other books on ethnicity and ethnic relations. Much of his earlier work deals with slavery of African Americans in the pre-Civil War South and has provoked debate among prominent historians and commentators.

Born in 1939, Takaki received his doctorate from the University of California Berkeley, where he has taught for over twenty years. He designed and directed Berkeley’s Ethnic Studies Ph.D. Program, the first program of its kind in the country.

As part of commencement activities, Lehane, Forry, and Takaki will also be teaching a master class for UMass Boston undergraduate and graduate students. Forry will be teaching a master class on May 11, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., and on June 3, Lehane will be teaching from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and Takaki from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Space and availability are limited. Please contact the McCormack Graduate School (Forry), the College of Public and Community Service (Takaki), and the English Department (Lehane) for more information.



# CAMPUS NOTES

## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

**Joan Arches** and **Luis Aponte-Pares**, professors in the College of Public and Community Service, and **Robert Beattie**, director of the Environmental Studies Program, presented at the 10th annual HUD Community University Partnership conference.

**Elsa Auerbach**, professor of English, presented the workshop “Using Participatory Methods to Facilitate Student Writing” at the Women, Literacy and Resources Conference, held at UMass Boston.

College of Management’s **Pratyush Bharati** and a colleague published the article “An Empirical Investigation of Decision-Making Satisfaction in Web-Based Decision Support Systems” in *Decision Support Systems*.

College of Management’s **James Bierstaker** published two coauthored articles: “Internal Auditors’ Perceptions Regarding the Effectiveness of Fraud Detection and Prevention Procedures and Anti-Fraud Technology” in *Internal Auditing* and “The Interaction Between Auditors’ Risk Perceptions and Partner Preferences on Audit Program Planning” in *Advances in Accounting*.

**Lawrence Blum**, professor of philosophy, presented the paper “Race, Virtue, and Moral Education” at the annual meetings of the Philosophy of Education Society and the Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain.

**Kenneth L. Campbell**, professor of biology, presented the lectures “An Introduction to Endocrinology” and “Concerning Diabetes: Basics and Drugs” at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez and delivered presentations on endocrine disruptors, diabetes, thyroid function, and endocrine career paths at Texas A&M University.

**Yung-Ping Chen**, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, gave the keynote address “Keys to Productive Later Years: Financial and Non-Financial” at the “Opportunities and Challenges for a Mature Working Woman” conference.

Graduate College of Education’s **Jay R. Dee** presented the paper “Accountability and Autonomy in Higher Education Governance,” and co-presented the papers “Organizational Environments in Higher Education” and “Organizational Commitment of Teachers in Urban Schools” at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association.

**Alex Des Forges**, assistant professor of modern languages, served as a panel chair at the “Chinese Body Politic: Corporeality and Power in Modern China” workshop, held at Harvard University.

**Carol Hall Ellenbecker**, associate professor at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, presented “Home Healthcare Nurse Job Retention” at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for Home Care and Hospice Forum of State Associations.

**Avery Faigenbaum**, associate professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education, gave the keynote presentation “Health Enhancing Physical Activity for Children: What Works?” at the National University of Ireland Galway.

At the 41st Annual Isabel Maitland Stewart Conference on Research in Nursing, College of Nursing and Health Sciences’ **Jacqueline Fawcett** gave the keynote address “On Survival of the Discipline: BedBaths, Conceptual Models, and Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice”; **Joann Dalton** presented her research “Client-Caregiver-Nurse Coalition Formation in Decision-Making Situations During Home Visits”; and **Joan Garity** presented her research “Coping with the Burden of Post-Nursing Home Placement of an Alzheimer Family Member.” **Diana Newman** served as conference co-chair.

In April, **Donna Haig Friedman**, director of the Center for Social Policy, moderated a panel on project evaluation for the annual conference of the National Human Service Data Consortium.

In April, **Patricia Gallagher**, senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research, presented “The Contribution of Cognitive Interviews to Instrument Development for the Massachusetts Medicaid Employment and Disability Survey” at the federally sponsored Conference on Best Practices for Surveying People with Disabilities.

At the 45th Annual Drosophila Research Conference, **Joseph Gindhart**, assistant professor of biology, presented “Functional Analysis of PAT1 in Flies” with master’s student **Courtney Tanzi** and “Calsyntenin-1 Is a Kinesin Associated Transmembrane Protein in the Drosophila Nervous System” with Ph.D. student **Donghui Yang-Zhou**.

College of Management’s **Arthur Goldsmith** presented the paper “Plebiscites and the Public Purse: U.S. Experience with Direct Democracy” to the Expert Group Meeting on Participation of Civil Society in Fiscal Policy at the United Nations Headquarters.

In March, **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was the keynote speaker at the Massachusetts Office of Transportation’s “Women Inspiring Hope and Possibilities” event and spoke on women’s political leadership at Worcester State College.

**Nan Zhang Hampton**, associate professor of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, presented the paper “Yin and Yang of Disability and Culture: Exploring Chinese and American Attitudes toward Disability and the Role of Gender in High School Achievement” at Wellesley College.

**Robert Johnson, Jr.**, associate professor of Africana Studies, presented the paper “Criminal Convictions and Employment Dismissals: A Mounting Challenge to American Equal Opportunity Laws” at Oxford Round Table’s Conference on Employment Discrimination and the Law, held at Oxford University.

**Pamela Jones**, professor of art, delivered the paper “The Cult of the Holy Nail and Plague Imagery in S. Carlo ai Catinari, Rome: The Altarpieces of Andrea Commodi, Pierre Mignard, and Pietro da Cortona” at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America.

**Erika Kates**, research director for the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, presented “Poor Policies and Best Practices: The Effects of State’s Welfare Policies on Access to Education and Training for Low-Income Women” at the center’s 17th annual Women’s Research Forum in March.

**Elisabeth Karnoub** of the Modern Languages Department gave a paper at the 32nd Annual French Literature Conference, held at the University of South Carolina, and presented “Submission to Patriarchy: Voluntary or Inflicted Sacrifice? A Look at the Women in Evelyne Accad’s ‘The Excised’” at the Lebanese American University in Beirut.

The Asian American Studies Program organized the multimedia panel presentation “Histories of Boston’s Chinese: Current Research, Reflections, and Resources,” which featured work by **Shauna Lo**, **Giles Li**, **Shan Shan Nie**, and **Peter Kiang**.

**Joe Marrone** of the Institute of Community Inclusion presented “Providing Good Business Services While Marketing Job Seekers with Disabilities Effectively” at the One-Stop Center in Washington on April 20.

**Margaret McAllister**, associate professor and coordinator of the Family Nurse Practitioner Graduate Program and Nurse Practitioner University Health Services, presented “Increasing Access to Primary Health Care: Redesigning Regulations That Promote Autonomous NP Practice” at the Vermont Nurse Practitioner’s Annual Conference in March.

College of Nursing’s **Margaret McAllister** and **Karen Dick** coordinated the 4th Annual Initiatives in Urban Family Health Conference: “Identification, Treatment and Prevention of Heart Failure: The Urban Community.”

**Siamak Movahedi**, professor and chair of the Sociology Department, organized and chaired a session on “A Post-Modern Rethinking of the Sociology of Knowledge” at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society.

**Anthony Petruzzi**, director of writing assessment, presented the paper “Class and High School Writing: Un-Tracking Expectations with Heterogeneous Classrooms” and facilitated a workshop at the Conference on College Composition and Communication.

**Marc Prou**, assistant professor of Africana Studies, presented “What Is at Stake in Haitian Education?” at the La Foundation Mémoire Conference and “The Dying Caribbean Nation: Haiti in the Global Context” at Hartwick College.

On March 30, **Jennifer Radden**, professor of philosophy, presented “Two Sixteenth Century Analyses of Melancholia” at the Philosophy Department at Vassar College.

**Lorna Rivera**, professor in the College of Public and Community Service, **Elaine Ward**, director of CIRCLE program, and **Valerie Flaherty**, CPCS undergraduate, presented the workshop “Empowerment of Refugee and Immigrant Women Through Literacy” at the Women, Literacy, and Resources Conference.

**Lloyd Schwartz**, the Frederick S. Troy Professor in the Department of English, delivered a talk on working with the poet Elizabeth Bishop at the Associated Writing Programs conference in Chicago.

At the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society **Russell Schutt**, professor of sociology, copresented with graduate students and colleagues: “Residential Preferences Among Homeless Persons Living on the Streets and in Shelters,” and “The Process of Housing Loss Among Formerly Homeless Mentally Ill Persons: A Multi-Method Investigation of the Person-Environment Fit Hypothesis.”

**Nina Silverstein** of CPCS and the Gerontology Institute presented at the Joint Meeting of the American Society on Aging and the National Council for the Aging: “Boston Seniors Count: Follow-Up Study of Citywide Door-to-Door Outreach Effort” with **Heather Connors**; “GrandFamilies House at Year 4: Growing Pains and Challenges” with research associate **Alison Gottlieb**; and “How Can We Improve the Hospital Experience and Hospital Outcomes for People with Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementias.”

**Nancy Stieber**, associate professor and chair of the Art Department, gave the lecture “Modernities and Modernisms in Dutch Social Housing” at the “Public Housing and the Legacy of Modernism: Europe and America” conference.

**Lauren Sullivan** of the Anthropology Department presented a coauthored paper, “A Regional Perspective on Ceramic Analysis,” at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology.

**M.H. (Behrooz) Tamdgidi**, assistant professor of sociology, presented the paper “Freire Meets Gurdjieff and Rumi: Towards the Pedagogy of the Oppressed and Oppressive Selves” at the first Social Theory Forum, held at UMass Boston.

On March 26, **Brian Thompson** of the Modern Languages Department presented a workshop on interactive methods in foreign-language teaching for the French teachers at the French Library and Cultural Center/Alliance Française.

**Julie Winch**, professor of history, presented the paper “‘Little Did I Think That Such Exciting Times Were Near’: Jesse Glasgow and ‘The Harpers Ferry Insurrection’” at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians.

**Ajume Wingo**, assistant professor of philosophy and senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School, gave the talk “Africa at Cross Roads: From Subject to Citizen” at Georgia State University on April 9.

Through the support of the Graduate Student Assembly, school psychology students traveled to Dallas to present the results of research studies concerning service learning and computer-mediated communication at the annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists.

The Urban Harbors Institute presented “Improving the Links Between Science and Coastal Management” at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Annual Ocean and Coastal Programs Meeting, held in Washington, D.C., in March.



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## PUBLICATIONS

**Kristine Alster**, interim dean of the College of Nursing, published the chapter “Writing in Nursing Education and Nursing Practice” in Vivian Zamel’s and Ruth Speck’s *Crossing the Curriculum: Multilingual Learners in College Classrooms*.

The article “What Do Accounts of ‘Racism’ Do?” by **Lawrence Blum**, professor of philosophy, was published in *Racism in Mind* by Cornell University Press.

**Nan Zhang Hampton**, associate professor of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, published the article “Dimensions of Quality of Life for Chinese Adults with Spinal Cord Injury: A Qualitative Study” in *Disability and Rehabilitation: An International Multidisciplinary Journal*.

**Richard Horsley**, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and the Study of Religion, released his edited book *Paul and the Roman Imperial Order*, published by Trinity Press.

**Jacqueline Fawcett**, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, has had two coauthored articles published: “Advanced Practice Nursing and Conceptual Models of Nursing” in *Nursing Science Quarterly* and “OASIS, MDs, and Orem’s Self-Care Framework: Using Existing Healthcare Organization Data for Nursing Research” in *Self-Care, Dependent-Care, and Nursing*.

Research on a rechargeable green battery by **Stuart Licht**, professor and chair of the Chemistry Department, and a colleague was published in *Science News* and *Chemical Communications*.

**Kathleen Golden McAndrew**, executive director of University Health Services and assistant clinical professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, has published the coauthored paper “An Evaluation of Pupil Size Standards Used by Police Officers for Detecting Drug Impairment,” in the *Journal of the American Optometric Association*.

**Siamak Movahedi**, professor and chair of the Sociology Department, published “Death, Fantasy, and the Politics of Self-Destruction” in *The Psychology of Death in Fantasy and History*, published by Praeger Publishers.

**Mark Pawlak**, director of Academic Support Programs, has edited *Present/Tense: Poets in the World*, a new anthology of contemporary political poetry.

Professor **Lorna Rivera** of the College of Public and Community Service published the article “Learning Community: Homeless Women and Popular Education” in *Women’s Studies Quarterly*.

**Deborah Metzel** of the Institute of Community Inclusion published the chapter “Historical Social Geography” in NYU Press’s *Mental Retardation in America*.

The article “Shelterization in Theory and Practice” by **Russell Schutt**, professor and director of the Graduate Program in Applied Sociology, was published in *Anthropology of Work Review*.

**Jaimie Timmons**, **Allison Cohen**, and **Sheila Fesko** of the Institute of Community Inclusion published the article “Merging Cultural Differences and Professional Identities: Strategies for Maximizing Collaborative Efforts During the Implementation of the Workforce Investment Act” in *Journal of Rehabilitation*.

**Robert Weiner**, faculty chair of the International Relations track in the MSPA program, has published a review of Yosef Govrin’s *Israeli-Romanian Relations at the End of the Ceausescu Era* in *Journal of Cold War Studies*.

**Cynthia Zaft**, **Debra Hart**, and **Karen Zimbrich** of the Institute of Community Inclusion published “College Career Connections: A Study of Youth with Intellectual Disabilities and the Impact of Postsecondary Education” in *Education and Training in Developmental Disabilities*.

**Leverett J. Zompa**, professor of chemistry, and alumnus **Damian Dussalt ’03** published the coauthored paper “Studies of Copper (II) and Nickel (II) Complexation by Bis (1,4,7-triazacyclononane) Ligands Containing Alkene and Alkyne Bridging Groups” in *Inorganica Chimica Acta*.

## GRANTS AND RESEARCH

In April, the Urban Harbors Institute, with senior research associate **Jim Coleman**, was contracted by the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils to assess global and regional trends in container shipping in relation to a proposed expansion of the Port Colony container terminal in Australia.

Biology professor **Adán Colón-Carmona**, in collaboration with **Joe Gindhart**, was awarded a \$228,750 grant from the National Institutes of Health for the project “Arabidopsis Kinesins in Cell Division and Development.”

Professor **Jacqueline Fawcett** of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences is principal investigator on a project to evaluate the Women’s Health Network Case Management Program, funded by \$132,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Professor **Russell Schutt**, director of the master’s program in Applied Sociology, is the co-investigator. **Gail Gall**, a Ph.D. student in nursing, is the project director.

The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) in the College of Management received a gift of \$45,000 from the Fleet Financial Foundation to support fellows from the nonprofit sector. The check was presented to Professor **Sherry H. Penney** and the current ELP cohort by Mary Trong of Fleet Bank in April.

The College of Management received additional scholarship monies from the L.G. Foundation and Fleet Investment Services to support students in the Balfour program. **Daniel Robb**, assistant dean, secured the new funding.

**James Willis**, assistant professor of sociology, will use a 2004 Summer Stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities to begin writing a book that explores the emergence of the penitentiary in nineteenth-century Britain.

The Center for Democracy and Development at the McCormack Graduate School received a \$179,000 Grant from the U.S. State Department to continue its Moot Court Rule of Law projects in the People’s Republic of China.

In April, the Center for Social Policy received a new multiyear contract with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to continue its work assisting communities in implementing Homeless Management Information Systems.

## APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

**Kristine Alster**, interim dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, has been appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing Education Policy Advisory Committee.

**Alex Des Forges**, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, received an ACLS/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellowship to support research on the politics of classical Chinese prose.

**Jacqueline Fawcett**, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, received the Friend of Nursing Research Award on May 5, the first given by the Winchester Hospital Research Council.

**Sonia Michelson**, gerontology instructor for the College of Public and Community Service, was awarded the Alumni Special Recognition Award for her “extraordinary contribution to the field of geriatric social work practice” by Simmons College.

**Jennifer Radden**, professor of philosophy, was appointed to the American Bar Association Taskforce on Mental Illness and the Death Penalty.

The New England Chapter of the Visual Resources Association (VRA) has elected **Kristin Solias**, visual resources curator in the Art Department, to be its first chairperson. Solias has also been appointed Chapter Chair Liaison to the VRA Membership Committee.

**Peter Taylor** of the Critical and Creative Thinking Program received a grant from the National Science Foundation to initiate the New England Workshop on Science and Social Change, an annual faculty development workshop.

## DISSERTATIONS

**James Bulot**, **Richard McConaghy**, **Laney Bruner-Canhoto**, and **Donna Sullivan** successfully defended their dissertations and will receive their doctorates in gerontology.

**Tiffany Manuel** successfully defended her dissertation “Giving Mercenaries a Chance to be Missionaries: Making the Case for Universal Paid Family Leave in the United States” to earn her Ph.D. in Public Policy.

**Kevin Murphy** of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy and research analyst for the Office of Institutional Research and Policy Studies, received funding from the Association for Institutional Research at the National Center for Educational Statistics, a National Science Foundation grant program, and has been awarded the Charles I. Brown Fellowship for his dissertation proposal.

## MISCELLANEOUS

CPCS Professor **James Green** has been awarded a writing fellowship by the Bogliasco Foundation to complete a book manuscript at the Liguria Study Center in Italy. He will spend several weeks in residence at the center during his sabbatical leave in the fall.

**Brian Thompson** of the Modern Languages Department co-produces and, co-hosts a regular two-hour show, “French Toast,” on music from the French-speaking world on MIT’s WMBR-FM (88.1).

In March, **Brian Sokol** and **Susan Ma** at the Center for Social Policy completed work on MASShelter Data Center, a web application that allows users to generate comprehensive aggregate, unduplicated reports on homeless individuals using Massachusetts emergency shelters.

For its international work in examining global solutions, the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Science’s Policy Center for Marine Biosciences and Technology has been invited to join Research America, an organization that promotes the benefits of basic biomedical research and supports the federal health research budget.

## IN THE NEWS

UMass Boston student **David Guy** was featured on WBUR’s “The Connection” on April 15 to discuss his experiences as a “lost boy” of Sudan.

**Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was a guest commentator on New England Cable News on March 20.

**Richard Horsley**, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and the Study of Religion, was interviewed for a special three-hour documentary by Peter Jennings: “Jesus and Paul: The World and the Witness,” which aired on April 5.

**Avery Faigenbaum**, associate professor of exercise science and physical education, was interviewed in the article “Pushing Too Hard Too Young – Take Away the Fun Factor in Sports and Kids Can Burn Out” on MSNBC.com in April.

WCVB’s “Chronicle” featured the College of Nursing and Health Sciences on March 29. For a segment on nursing shortages, **Marion Winfrey**, associate dean, and two undergraduate nursing students, **Dorothy Bowers** and **Michelle Anderson**, were featured.

*Harriet Tubman: The Life and the Life Stories* by **Jean Humez**, director of women studies, was reviewed in the *Boston Globe* on March 30.

Voter attitudes toward the gay marriage debate, as revealed in a new UMass Poll by **Lou DiNatale**, senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School, were reported by the *Boston Globe* on April 6.

Coverage of the opening of the Campus Center and the ribbon-cutting ceremony were included in the *Boston Globe*, *Boston Herald*, WBZ-TV 4, and the *Dorchester Reporter*.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of University Communications and Community Relations. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. From off campus, dial (617) 287 and the last four digits listed below each calendar event.

Submit June calendar listings by Monday, May 17. Submit calendar listings online at [www.umb.edu/news/calendar/](http://www.umb.edu/news/calendar/). See the News and Events page on [www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu) for calendar listings online.

## FRIDAY 7

**Gamma Upsilon Honor Society Induction**  
11:30 – 1:30 p.m., Campus Center, Bayview Conference Room, 3rd fl. Ceremony to recognize excellence in students of gerontology, aging, and those in professional aging services. Contact: 7-7308.

**Biology Seminar Series: Twenty Years of Hunting Emerging Diseases on the Nantucket Field Station**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Sam Telford III of Tufts University. Refreshments served. Contact: 7-6600 or [diana.ruddy@umb.edu](mailto:diana.ruddy@umb.edu).

**Grand Opening of the Clark Taylor Center for Media, Arts, and Technology**  
4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Wit's End Cafe Plaza, 3rd fl. Ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, and interactive tour of center. Contact: 7-7124 or [suzanne.allmendinger@umb.edu](mailto:suzanne.allmendinger@umb.edu).

**UMass Boston Talent Show 3: The Variety Extreme**  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st fl. All proceeds benefit the Yellow Brick Road Project, a home for battered women. Suggest donation of \$5.00. Contact: [talentshowumb100@yahoo.com](mailto:talentshowumb100@yahoo.com).

**University Chamber Orchestra**  
8:00 – 10:00 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15 St. Paul Street, Brookline, MA. Featuring Jon Ceander Mitchell as conductor with Grigoris Zambaras, pianist, and Priscilla Taylor, cellist. Requested donation: \$5.00 (\$3.00 for students/seniors). Children under four years of age not admitted. Contact: 7-5640 or [mark.vaz@umb.edu](mailto:mark.vaz@umb.edu).

**Performing Arts Presents: Antigone**  
8:00 – 10:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2nd fl. Tickets: \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students. Children under four years old not admitted. Also on May 8. Contact: 7-5640.

## SATURDAY 8

**UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Basketball vs. Rhode Island College**  
12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7800 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**UMass Boston Jazz Band Spring Concert**  
7:30 – 9:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Peter Janson, director. Requested donation: \$5.00 (\$3.00 for students/seniors). Contact: 7-5640 or [mark.vaz@umb.edu](mailto:mark.vaz@umb.edu).

## MONDAY 10

**University Health Services: Yoga**  
5:15 – 6:15 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.

**Student Vocal Recital**  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd fl. Recital featuring students of Marilyn Bulli, Suzanne Ehly, and David Giessow. Contact: 7-5640 or [mark.vaz@umb.edu](mailto:mark.vaz@umb.edu).

## TUESDAY 11

**Fourth Annual Senior Lunch**  
11:30 – 1:00 p.m. In honor of graduating seniors. Contact: 7-5330 or [alumni@umb.edu](mailto:alumni@umb.edu).

**University Health Services: Yoga**  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.

**ITC Workshop: Using Excel to Calculate Grades and Turn Numbers into Letters**  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Presenter: Eileen McMahon. Registration number: 00356. Contact: [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu).

**Master Class with Ed Forry**  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Location TBA. Ed Forry of the *Dorchester Reporter* and other publications to lead class on journalism. Contact: 7-7698.

**CPCS Faculty Out in the World: Native American Issues in Massachusetts**  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th Fl. Featuring CPCS Professor Ann Withorn and guests Jim Peters and Anne Foxx. Contact: 7-7381 or [andrea.wright@umb.edu](mailto:andrea.wright@umb.edu).

**Senior Student Recital: Justin Kleya, Bass Guitar**  
8:00 – 9:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st fl. Kleya and friends to perform an eclectic blend of popular music and jazz. Contact: 7-5640 or [mark.vaz@umb.edu](mailto:mark.vaz@umb.edu).

## WEDNESDAY 12

**College of Management Distinguished Executive Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., The Library, The Hampshire House, 84 Beacon Street, Boston. Featuring CM Distinguished Executive for 2004: Thomas May, chairman, president and CEO of NSTAR. Reservations and tickets (\$60.00) required. Contact: 7-7734 or [cmevents@umb.edu](mailto:cmevents@umb.edu).

**Spring 2004 Music Series: Inca Son: Music and Dance of the Andes**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Plaza level, between Campus Center and Science Center. Rain location: Student Dining Room, Campus Center, 1st fl. Contact: 7-5300.

**ECO-Tours of the Campus**  
3:00 – 3:40 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Service Area, upper level. Get to know the sustainable and "green" efforts at UMass Boston. Also on May 19. Contact: 7-5083 or [umbe.green@umb.edu](mailto:umbe.green@umb.edu).

## FRIDAY 14

**Dance Kaleidoscope**  
8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theater. Directed by Anne Tolbert with original works by students and faculty, including Emily K. Beattie of Prometheus Dance. Other special guest artists include soloist Carol Somers and the Day Job Dancers under direction of Adrienne Hawkins. Sponsored by the Dance in Performing Arts Program. Tickets: \$5.00 for students, \$10.00 for adults. Also on May 15. Contact: 781-925-1749.

## SATURDAY 15

**UMass Boston High School Open**  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Campus Center, University Dining Room. Experience a real chess tournament atmosphere. Introductory chess clinic hosted by Master V. Martirosov. Contact: [chessforyou@hotmail.com](mailto:chessforyou@hotmail.com).

## MONDAY 17

**ITC Workshop: Creating a Dynamic E-Learning Space in Prometheus**  
1:00 – 4:30 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Workshop to introduce you to e-learning pedagogy. Presenter: Eileen McMahon. Registration number: 00355. Contact: [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu).

**University Health Services: Yoga**  
5:15 – 6:15 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.

## TUESDAY 18

**University Health Services: Yoga**  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.

**Massage Therapy**  
2:30 – 5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1-613. Massage therapy by licensed massage therapist. Cost: \$10 for 10 minutes, \$20 for 20 minutes; and \$30 for 30 minutes. Offered through Department of Athletics. For appointments, contact: 781-354-3450.

## WEDNESDAY 19

**ECO-Tours of the Campus**  
3:00 – 3:40 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Service Area, upper level. Get to know the sustainable and "green" efforts at UMass Boston. Contact: 7-5083 or [umbe.green@umb.edu](mailto:umbe.green@umb.edu).

## THURSDAY 20

**Spring 2004 Music Series: Blue Suede Boppers: Rock and Roll of the 50s and 60s**  
12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Plaza level, outside Quinn Administration Building. Rain location: Student Dining Room, Campus Center, 1st fl. Contact: 7-5300.

**Student Meet-and-Greet**  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Office, upper level. Students are invited to drop in for refreshments, to find out more about the Alumni Association, and meet faculty and staff. Contact: 7-5330 or [alumni@umb.edu](mailto:alumni@umb.edu).

## FRIDAY 21

**CPCS Celebrations and Awards Ceremony for Graduates**  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Commencement program for all CPCS graduates. Contact: 7-7124 or [suzanne.allmendinger@umb.edu](mailto:suzanne.allmendinger@umb.edu).

## MONDAY 24

**Gerontology Dissertation Defense: Transitions of Functional Disabilities in the U.S. Elderly with Diabetes Mellitus**  
1:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-004. Featuring Ph.D. candidate Puangpen Chanprasert. Contact: 7-7302.

**University Health Services: Yoga**  
5:15 – 6:15 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.

## THURSDAY 27

**University Health Services: Yoga**  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.

**ITC Workshop: Technology-Enhanced Classroom Teaching: Prometheus**  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Workshop on web tools and resources. Presenter: Theresa Nelson-Miller. Registration number: 00375. Contact: [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu).

## MONDAY 31

**Memorial Day.**  
University closed.

## UPCOMING

**2004 Commencement Exercises**  
Friday, June 4. 10:00 a.m., Bayside Exposition Center. Commencement exercises include address by honorary degree recipient Dennis Lehan, author of *Mystic River*, and degree awards. Contact: 7-5315.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Beacon Fitness Center**  
Offerings include plyometrics (Mondays, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.), pilates (Tuesdays, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.), cardio-kickboxing (Wednesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.), step and tone (Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.), ab blast (Fridays, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.), muscle conditioning (Fridays, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.). Open to all members. Contact: 7-6786 or [www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm](http://www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm) for schedule.

**Campus Ministry**  
Offerings include Interfaith Bible study, gospel choir club rehearsals, Catholic mass, Christian ecumenical worship, justice coalition workshops, etc. Contact: 7-5839 or [www.umb.edu/students/campus\\_ministry/](http://www.umb.edu/students/campus_ministry/).

**Instructional Technology Center (ITC)**  
Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC website at [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu) or call 7-2990 for updated workshop information.

**Intramural Clinics**  
Come join a free clinic to learn the rules, how to play and/or to improve your game in: racquetball, squash, and Wally ball. Sign-up forms are at the Beacon Fitness Center. Contact: 7-7830.

**Support UMass Boston Beacons!**  
Visit [www.athletics.umb.edu](http://www.athletics.umb.edu) for athletic schedule.

**University Health Services: Yoga**  
Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Beacon Fitness Center, McCormack Hall, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff: \$5.00 per class following first free class. Contact: 7-5680.

**U\$ave Computer Discount Program**  
Runs through May 21 on all campuses. Save on computers and components. Visit [usave.umassp.edu](http://usave.umassp.edu) for details, vendors, and information.

**WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal**  
Sundays, 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6900.